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OF A NEGATIVE.

BY MRS. ALEXANDER.

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bore!" exlaimed Philip Blount, a smart, good-looking lawyer, who was on very good terms with himself, whose age might be six or seven and twenty, to his particular chum, Tom Marling, a stout rubicund, horsey stock broker, perhaps a few years older.

"Well, it is rather hard lines," returned Marling, sympathetically.

"If they had given me timely notice I might have managed to get down to the Grange, but such an abrupt invite looks as if Gwen Dashwood did not want me down there."

This dialogue was going on in the private office of Mr. Marling, where the two men were discussing a light luncheon of oysters and stout, having a little time to spare at the general refreshment hour.

Blount was yet only a clerk in the old established firm of Ardell & Son; but that firm was now reduced to the surviving son, who was Blount's maternal uncle, and a childless widower. Marling was a very well off bachelor. much given to the good things of this life and Blount's special friend.

"Down there" indicated a picturesque Maidenhead, at present tenanted by a drawing room.

"All I can say is, it's a duece of a [keep my appointment on Monday. I have other and better lish to fry and am obliged to run over to the continent on Monday night. Shall write when I know time of my return. Yours truly.
"HUGH EVERARD."

up with his overbearing swagger."

ner at seven. I think I'll go and dine "Yes, my dear uncle, I have noticed with my uncle in case he feels lonely." it also, and it makes me indignant. not supposed to know that his darling and-" will return to cheer him."

on and prosper, Blount, my boy."

The aspiring young lawyer carried out his intention and presented himself sary proceeding, as I told my niece." to his uncle a few minutes before seven in accurate evening dress, a dainty upon his lips. Altogether a handsome, gentleman-like looking young fellow, and steady, decidedly steady, thought evening paper somewhat disconsolately. Everard aspires to a matrimonial alold place called Varley Grange, near | in his big and bounteously ornamented



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charming widow, whose charms were enhanced by the possession of an income which enabled her to rent such a residence. Here she gave delightful "Friday to Monday" parties, invitations to which people fished for eagerly. Gwendoline Dashwood was the

daughter of Mr. Ardell's deceased wife's sister, his ward, and the mistress of his house. Blount rather imagined his uncle wished to make a match between his nephew and niece, and was quite sure of his own wishes on the subject; for Gwen Dashwood was a bright, attractive brunteet, with big, brown eyes that could say a great deal -and he paid assiduous court to the young lady.

"Were you asked?" continued Blount. "Lord, no! I'm not at all up to the mark of Mrs. Cholmondely Morton's parties, not elegant enough by long

"Retter ask you than that beast Everard. I hate the fellow." "Blount, you're a fool!"

"No more than my neighbors." "Rather less, in a general way; bu you are a fool about that cousin o'

yours. 'She isn't my cousin; she is no rela

tion at all." "Well, whether she is or not, you'l lose your game if you lose your bal-ance about her. From what I have seen, I am inclined to think you stand

very well with her, and Everard i much too grim and sour and black browed to be a dangerous rival. Be sides, that Indian forestry appoint ment of his is no great thing. And the Miss Dashwood is not the girl to think of a man who is obliged to live in th wilds."

"I'm not so sure, Marling. Everare has an infernal cool air of command and superlority that imposes on women, and Gwen has a dash of romance in her. I fancy she thinks or suspects that I am what she would call low-minded' because I have the sense to have an eye to the main chance; but I flatter myself, I've been making way with her lately. There's nothing goes down with that sort of girl like an air of being hopelessly gone upon her, and, in fact, I am-rather! It's such uncommon luck to have a fancy for the right young women."

"Is she the right one?" "She is. You see my uncle is deuced fond of her, and pretty sure to leave her the bigger half of his worldly goods, though he likes me, but if we

marry, we'll have the whole." "Admirable reasoning! But if you are making way, you may snap your

fingers at Everard." "I don't know. I got away early last week and found him at tea with Gwen, tete-a-tete-and after 'sitting out' with him for an hour in the conversatory at Lady Dalrymple's ball, when I went claim my waltz, he said, as she took my arm: You must be sure to write at once, remember,' in a dictato-

rial tone, as if she were his wife, by Marling laughed. "Well, I know he isn't one of the Grange party."

"How?" ejaculated Blount. Instead of replying, Marling rummaged among some papers which lay in a square wicker receptable on his knee-hole table, and tossed over a note to his guest. It was dated the previous Saturday from the "East India Club,"

"Dear Marling: I am not going down to the Grange, nevertheless, I cannot l

Mr. Ardell was a well-preserved man of perhaps sixty-five-very precise and a little exacting, with severe notions as regarded conduct, principle, integrity and such like old-fashioned laws of life. "Ah, Philip! This is an unexpected

pleasure. Glad to see you." "Thank you, sir. Thought you might like my company, as probably Gwen may not return-and-"

"Or possibly that you might find her dies of the day.
here? Eh, Philip? Very natural, my It Is Highly Important That Every dear boy. Very matural. Still your impulse is somewhat prophetic."

Mr. Ardell stretched out his hand for a yellow envelope which lay on a small table beside him. "I fully expected wendoline to luncheon, and not feelng quite the thing, a little liverish in fact, I had ordered James to meet the 12.30 train from R- to look after her uggage and find her a cab, when, about 1.45, I received this," handing a telegram to Blount, who read: "Shall be iome tonight. G. D."

"That means by the last train, I supose," said Blount.

"No doubt. Very thoughtful of her cnowing she was expected and that I should send to meet every train till she arrived. She sends this to keep my

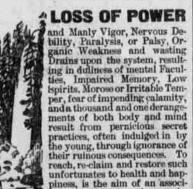
mind at rest." 'When is the last train due?"

"About 10.20," returned Mr. Ardell. "Then I shall go and meet her and ring her back. I need not leave you

Philip Blount followed Mr. Ardell down stairs contentedly enough, though, being somewhat given to suspicion and self-tormenting, he debated that telegram in his own mind Why.

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Gardens, remarkably good-a matter of no small importance in Blount's eyes and Mr. Ardell was exceedingly conversational in a careful and didactic

manner throughout it. writing table in the window, Let us

Philip rose and went to the table whence he returned with Bradshaw in deep red with gold letters and dec-

"You are right," he said, "the Rtrain is due at 10,20." He handed Brade you have Everard's book here. 'Life in the Wild Woods.' I don't fancy him in print-doesn't give me the idea of a writing man.'

tone. well see how she sould have refuced it. or two to spare?" "Ah, then he could not have gone to But Mr. Everard is not a man I like. "Yes, if the streets were not crowded, and the horse a good one. Why do you Mrs. Morton's," said Blount, with a sigh | fact, inclined to take liberties, or I | ask? of relief. "I can't think how Gwen puts should say, he presumes on some con-I like, and assume a familiar tone with "I suppose Gwen will be home to din- my niece of which I totally disapprove."

He was not at the office today, and I'm However, he has gone to the continent "Why, yes, I know. He wrote to "Prudent young chap, you are! Go Gwendoline explaining why he could not go to this party and mentioned that he was going abroad, a very unneces

"And what did she say?" Well, she laughed and said that for flower in his buttonhole and a smile all I knew, it might be very necessary. "A curious answer," said Blount un-

easily. "What do you make of it?" "What I? Oh nothing. It is really Mr. Ardell, who was spelling over an unimportant, only I fancy that Mr. llance with us, rather an audaclous project on his part."

"I should think it was!" cried Blount.

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"And I desire nothing so ardently." and another book, handsomely bound cried Philip, as to call her my wife. In fact, I have loved her ever since she came from school to reside here."

"I have suspected it, Philip. I have suspected it," returned his uncle, playshaw to his uncle and continued: "I ling with the double eyeglass which hung from his neck. "But, my dear boy, I am not so sure of her."

"I am not without hope, if only no one comes between us." There was a "I have not read the work," returned long pause, each being occupied with his uncle, with a tinge of disdain in his his own hopes and fears for the future. "That copy was presented to Suddenly Blount exclaimed: "Could Gwendoline. I was rather annoyed at one drive from Paddington to Charing her accepting it, though I do not very Cross in half an hour, with a minute

"Oh, ah, I only wanted your opinion. nection with old friends of Gwendo- That is, my dear uncle, I have an awful 'Come now, Blount, he doesn't swag- line's to come here much oftener than dread of that fellow Everard, and it's curious, but this morning I saw a note from him saying he was going to start "Yes, my dear uncle, I have noticed for the continent this evening, or some time today. Could it be-" he stopped abruptly,

"Be what?" asked Mr. Ardell, putting on his glasses to gaze at the

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Nov. 18, 1894.

Train leaves Scranton for Philadelphia and New York via D. & H. R. R. at 7.45 a.m., 12.05, 2.38 and 11.38 p.m., via D., 1. & W. R. R., 6.09, 8.08, 11.29 a.m., and 1.39 p.m.

Leave Scranton for Pittston and Wilkes-Barre, via D., L. & W. R. R., 6.09, 8.08, 11.29 a.m., 3.59, 6.07, 8.50 p.m.

Leave Scranton for White Haven, Hazleton, Pottsville and all points on the Beaver Meadow and Pottsville branches, via E. & W. V. R. R., 6.40 a.m., via D. & H. R. R. at 7.45 a.m., 12.65, 2.38, 4.09 p.m., via D., I. & W. R. R., 6.00, 8.08, 11.29 a.m., 1.39, 2.50 p.m.

D. L. & W. R. R., 6.00, 8.08, II.29 n.m., 1.30, 3.50 p.m.
Leave Scranton for Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Harrisburg and all intermediate points via D. & H. R. R., 7.45 a.m., 12.05, 2.38, 4.00, 11.38 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 6.00, 8.08, II.29 a.m., 1.39 p.m.
Leave Scranton for Tunkhannock, Towanda, Elmira, Ithaca, Geneva and all intermediate points via D. & H. R., R., 8.45 a.m., 12.05 and 11.35 p.m., via D., M. & W. R. R., 8.8, 9.55 a.m., 1.30 p.m.
Leave Scranton for Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago and all points west via D. & H. R. R., 8.45 a.m., 12.05, 9.15, II.38 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R. and Pittston Junction, 8.9, 9.55 a.m., 1.30, 8.59 p.m., via E. & W. V. R. R., 3.44 p.m.
For Elmira and the west via Salamanca, via D. & H. R., R., 8.45 a.m., 1.205, 6.65 p.m., ror Filmira and the west via Salamanca, via D. & H. R. R., 846 a.m., 1.265, 6.65 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 8.08, 9.55 a.m., 1.39, and 8.07 p.m.

Pullman parlor and sleeping or L. V. chair cars on all trains between L. & B. Junction or Wilkes-Barre and New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, and Suspension Bridge.

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the HUDSON RAIL-Commencing Monday, day, July 30, all trains will arrive at new Lack-awanna avenue station as follows:
Trains will leave Scranfor Carbondale and infor Carbondale and information 8.25 and

ton station for Carbondale and in-termediate points at 2.20, 5.45, 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20, 3.55, 5.15, 6.15, 7.25, 9.10 and 11.20 p.m. For Farview, Waymart and Honesdale at 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20 and 5.15 at 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20 and 6.15 p.m.

For Albany, Saratoga, the Adirondacks and Montreal at 5.45 a.m. and 2.20 p.m.

For Wilkes-Barre and intermediate ints at 7.45, 8.46, 9.38 and 10.45 a.m., 12.05, 1.20, 2.38, 4.00, 5.10, 6.05, 8.15 and 11.38 p.m.

Trains will arrive at Scranton station from Carbondale and intermediate points at 7.40, 8.49, 9.34 and 10.40 a.m., 12.00, 1.17, 2.34, 3.40, 4.54, 5.55, 7.45, 9.11 and 11.33 p.m.

From Honesdale, Waymart and Farview at 9.34 a.m., 12.00, 1.17, 2.40, 5.55 and 7.45 p.m.

From Montreal, Saratoga, Albany, etc., at 4.54 and 11.33 p.m.

From Wilkes-Barre and intermediate points at 2.15, 8.04, 10.05 and 11.55 a.m., 1.15, 2.14, 3.39, 5.10, 6.08, 7.20, 9.03 and 11.16 p.m.

Del., Lack, and Western. Trains leave Scranton as follows: Ex-press for New York and all points East, 1.40, 2.50, 5.15, 8.00 and 2.55 a.m.; 12.55 and 3.50

p.m. Express for Easton, Trenton, Philadel-phia and the south, 5.15, 8.00 and 9.55 a.m., 12.55 and 3.59 p.m. Washington and way stations, 3.55 p.m. Tohybana accompandation, 6.10 p.m. Washington and way stations, 3.55 p.m.
Tobyhanna accommodation, 6.19 p.m.
Express for Binghamton, Oswego, Elmira, Corning, Bath, Dansville, Mount
Morris and Buffaio, 12.19, 2.55 a.m. and 1.24
p.m., making close connections at Buffalo to all points in the West, Northwest
and Southwest.
Bath accommodation, 9 a.m.
Binghamton and way stations, 12.37 p.m.
Nicholson accommodation, at 5.15 p.m.
Binghamton and Elmira Express, 6.65
p.m.

Binghamton and Elmira Express, 6.65 p.m.
Express for Cortland, Syracuse, Oswego Utica and Richfield Springs, 2.35 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.
Ithaca, 2.35 and Bath 9 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.
For Northumberland, Pittston, Wilkesbarre, Plymouth, Bloomsburg and Danville, making close connections at Northumberland for Williamsport, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and the South, Northumberland and intermediate stations, 6.00, 9.55 a.m. and 1.39 and 6.07 p.m.
Nanticoke and intermediate stations, 8.08 and 11.20 a.m. Plymouth and intermediate stations, 3.50 and 8.52 p.m.
Pullman parlor and sleeping coaches on all express trains
For detailed information, pocket time tables, etc., apply to M. L. Smith, city ticket office, 225 Lackawanna avenue, or depot ticket office.

Eric and Wyoming Valley. Trains leave Scranton for New York and intermediate points on the Erie railroad at 6.35 a.m. and 324 p.m. Also for Honesdale, Hawley and local points at 6.35 3.45 a.m., and 3.24 p.m.

All the above are through trains to and from Honesdale.

Trains leave for Wilkes-Barre at 6.40 a.m. and 3.41 p.m.

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